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1. [ ] The Director, accompanied by Messrs. Helms, Wheelon and Warner, met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services for approximately two hours. See Memorandum for the Record.

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2. [ ] I met with Congressman James D. Weaver (R. Pa.) with regard to his query concerning Werner Von Braun's team members who had been taken behind the Iron Curtain in 1945 and advised him in general terms concerning their use by the Soviets and eventual release; and the fact of development by the Soviets of their own native program from about 1948 onward. The Congressman, as a member of the Science and Astronautics Committee, is reading himself in on the background of the development of ballistic missiles and ballistic missile engines by both the Soviets and the United States. His interest at the moment is the extent to which theory developed by the Von Braun team in Germany might have been followed by the Soviets in developing their very powerful engines and whether it was followed in American development. I advised that our people, although quite knowledgeable of American development, would not consider themselves as proper parties to advise in this area and recommended the Department of Army as the executive Agency with primary interest in this area.

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3. [ ] I met with Mr. John Martin, Deputy Counsel, House Ways and Means Committee, who advised that the present schedule of the committee does not provide time for handling of miscellaneous legislative items before early December. In consequence, he does not see much chance for consideration of the Early Retirement Tax Provision before that time.

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4. [ ] In response to a query from Mr. William Jibb, new Administrative Assistant to Senator George A. Smathers, I met with Jibb and discussed the case of a former Agency employee who was rejected as being medically disqualified. (See Memorandum for the Record for details.)

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5. [ ] I again attempted to see Representative William Fitts Ryan to discuss his inquiry to the Department of Justice with respect to [ ] Mr. Ryan was in a meeting but asked his secretary to arrange an appointment for me next week. I am to see him on Thursday, 14 November 1963 at 11:30 A.M.

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6. [ ] Returned to the office of Senator Smathers material they had passed on to us [ ] I advised Miss Pentland that we had no information on [ ] but appreciated her bringing the letter to our attention. Miss Pentland regards this as a crank letter and does not propose to reply to it.

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7. [ ] Met with Miss Celia Martin, in the office of Representative Joe M. Kilgore, to discuss the Congressman's referral of constituent material on British Honduras. I advised Miss Martin that we are always happy to receive information submitted by public spirited individuals and that we were watching the situation in Honduras very closely since Honduras is expected to emerge as an independent nation in January of next year. Miss Martin asked if we would send her a simple acknowledgement letter and I said we would be happy to do so.

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8. [redacted] John Buckley, in the office of

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Representative Dante B. Fascell, asked what we knew about [redacted]

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[redacted] I advised him that

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in response to a request from his office on 5 October 1962, other Agency

representatives and I met with three representatives of [redacted]

who were interested in obtaining contracts from the Agency in the field

of electronics. I told Mr. Buckley that since none of these individuals

had security clearances, we were unable to talk with them in detail but

it appeared that they had not developed any items which would be of

particular interest to the Agency and nothing further came of the meeting.

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[redacted] Mr. Buckley thanked me for refreshing his memory on

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this and commented that another organization, the [redacted]

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[redacted] were considering purchasing [redacted]

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